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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Interdepartmental Intelligence Production Program

Reference is made to your Memorandum, subject as above, dated 27 January 1948. The statement of the intelligence production program requested in paragraph 4 of your Memorandum can be made available in approximately 30 days. It will be forwarded immediately upon completion.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE;

SUBJECT: Interdepartmental Intelligence Production Program.

1. Reference is made to paragraph 7 of your memorandum of 27 January 1948, same subject as above.

2. While the Intelligence Division is completely in sympathy with the basic thought of the paper, it is believed that the request for information in paragraph 4 of your memorandum is premature.

a. The comprehensive and detailed statements of the intelligence production programs of the department intelligence chiefs must, of necessity, be highly tentative until the outline of the contents of the NIS and the allocations of responsibility for the production thereof have been completed and approved by the IAC.

b. The Director of Central Intelligence in paragraph 5 of subject memorandum states the CIA will attempt to correlate the requested departmental programs and prepare an integrated plan with full regard to the existing basic intelligence program. The preparation of an integrated plan could not possibly be prepared "with full regard to the existing basic intelligence program" until that program actually exists. At present it is still in the course of preparation.

3. Clarification is requested for that part of paragraph 4 which reads: "the existing interagency agreements to augment...the external requirements with internal production."

4. It is recommended:

a. The request contained in paragraph 4 of the memorandum of the DCI, 27 January 1948, same subject as above, be postponed until the NIS outline and the allocation of responsibility for the preparation of the contents of the NIS have been approved by the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

b. Rather than proceed for the moment on the course outlined, the utmost effort be placed behind an early completion and approval of the NIS outline. (This has been under consideration now for over a year and is considered to be fundamental to any attempt to solve the problems connected with production.)

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